



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 8, 2001

### **H.R. 3169** **International Disability and Victims of Landmines, Civil Strife, and** **Warfare Assistance Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations  
on November 1, 2001*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 3169 would authorize assistance for individuals with disabilities in foreign countries, including victims of landmines and other war injuries. The bill would authorize the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to undertake programs of assistance, and would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide advice and expertise to U.S. agencies and private voluntary agencies undertaking such programs. H.R. 3169 also would require the Secretary of State to chair an interagency group to coordinate federal programs that furnish assistance to victims of landmines and civil strife and conduct landmine research, demining, and prevention programs.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3169 would cost about \$30 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Because H.R. 3169 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3169 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

## ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation would be enacted early in fiscal year 2002, that the necessary amounts would be appropriated in each year, and that outlays would follow historical spending patterns. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3169 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	17	17	2	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	7	10	7	4

## BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 3169 would authorize three U.S. agencies to conduct programs in foreign countries for individuals with disabilities, including people injured by landmines, warfare, or civil strife. All three agencies currently provide some assistance in this area under more general authority. The bill would authorize additional funds or expand current programs.

**U.S. Agency for International Development.** Section 3 would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million a year in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 for assistance to individuals with disabilities, including victims of landmines and other victims of warfare and civil strife.

**Centers for Disease Control.** Section 4 would authorize such sums as may be necessary in fiscal years 2002 through 2004 for the CDC to conduct programs in foreign countries for individuals with disabilities, including persons injured by landmines and civil strife. Those programs could include research on trauma and rehabilitation, evaluating treatment interventions, developing medical instruction tools for responding to traumatic injuries, and facilitating and training peer support networks. It would authorize the CDC to provide grants to nongovernmental organizations to carry out research, prevention activities, and public awareness campaigns, as well as other activities to share information about research on limb-loss and best practices in treatment programs.

Under current law, the CDC provides \$5 million a year for some activities authorized by the bill, most of which are directed toward a network for survivors of landmines. H.R. 3169

would authorize additional activities. According to the CDC, those additional activities would require \$2 million a year in additional funding. CBO estimates that the bill would increase agency spending by \$6 million over the 2002-2006 period, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts.

**Veterans Affairs.** Section 5 would authorize VA to provide advice and expertise to federal agencies and to provide technical assistance to private voluntary organizations (PVOs) with respect to planning, development, operation, and evaluation of landmine programs. The VA currently provides advice to other federal agencies on a nonreimbursable basis. The bill would authorize VA to provide technical assistance to PVOs on a reimbursable basis. Based on information from VA, CBO estimates the cost and collections from providing this technical assistance would be less than \$500,000 a year.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

H.R. 3169 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATE PREPARED BY:**

Federal Spending by USAID: Joseph C. Whitehill

Federal Spending by CDC: Jeanne M. De Sa

Federal Spending by VA: Sam Papenfuss

Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Elyse Goldman

Impact on the Private Sector: Paige Piper/Bach

### **ESTIMATE APPROVED BY:**

Peter H. Fontaine

Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis